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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For:
METHOD FOR ALLOCATING STORAGE AREA TO VIRTUAL VOLUME

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 6 Sheets of Drawings
- ☒ This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.
- ☒ Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-150082 and 2004-063392 (which are filed May 28, 2003 and March 8, 2004 ☐ A certified copy is attached herewith. hereby incorporated by reference)
- ☒ Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and ☒ discussed in the specification or ☒ attached Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.
- ☒ Specification: Abstract X, Description 48 pages; and 19 claim(s).
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Executed Declaration.

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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